

The invention claimed is:

1. An endotracheal tube holder comprising:
 - a base having a bottom surface for bearing against a patient's face;
 - a tube-holding assembly carried by said base, said tube-holding assembly
 - 5 having a tube-securing block fixed to said base and two clip-securing blocks arranged on opposite sides of said tube-securing block;
 - a tube-retaining clip having two legs extending from a base end portion, said legs arranged to be engaged to said clip-securing blocks, each leg inserted between a respective space between said tube-securing block and each
 - 10 respective clip-securing block wherein a tube is captured between said tube-securing block and said base end portion of said clip.
2. The tube holder according to claim 1, wherein one of said tube-securing block and said base end portion comprises tube-engaging teeth to grip
- 15 said tube.
3. The tube holder according to claim 1, wherein each of said tube-securing block and said base end portion comprised a pair of planar areas of tube-engaging teeth.
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4. The tube holder according to claim 1, wherein said clip-securing blocks each comprise first teeth on sides of said clip-securing blocks that face toward second each other, and said legs comprise second teeth on sides of said

legs facing away from each other wherein said first and second teeth are mutually engaged wherein said clip is installed to said base.

5. The tube holder according to claim 4, wherein said first and second
5 teeth are angled in ratchet fashion to allow said clip to be installed by pushing said legs into said spaces while resisting retraction of said legs from engagement to said clip-securing blocks wherein said clip is pulled in an opposite direction.

6. The tube holder according to claim 5, wherein said legs can be
10 squeezed together to release said first teeth from said second teeth to remove said clip from said tube-holding assembly.

7. The tube holder according to claim 1, wherein said base includes arms that straddle the patient's mouth extending in a transverse direction to the
15 patient's face and said tube-securing block is arranged adjacent to a side of the patient's mouth.

8. The tube holder according to claim 1, comprising a restraining strap, wherein said base includes an attachment for said strap, wherein said
20 strap can encircle the patient's head to hold the base to the patient's face.

9. The tube holder according to claim 1, wherein said base comprises a bite block that extends below said bottom surface into the patient's mouth to prevent closing together of the patient's upper and lower teeth.

5 10. The tube holder according to claim 1, wherein said retaining clip is separable from said base when said legs are disengaged from said clip-securing block.

10 11. The tube holder according to claim 10, further comprising a tether connected between said base and said clip.

12. The tube holder according to claim 1, comprising a restraining strap, wherein said base includes an attachment for said strap, wherein said strap can encircle the patient's head to hold the base to the patient's face, 15 wherein said strap comprises two parallel strap portions, and comprising hook and loop engagable fasteners applied between the top surface of the legs and the restraining strap portions, and said strap comprises a base portion fixed to said base.

20 13. The tube holder according to claim 1, wherein said tube-securing block comprises an overhang position above each space, said overhang portions retain said clip to said base to prevent separation in a direction perpendicular to a top surface of said base.

14. An endotracheal tube holder comprising:

a base having at least one first clip-retaining member, said base having a face-bearing surface and a first tube-bearing surface;

5 a clip, separate from said base and having at least one second clip-retaining member, and a second tube-bearing surface, said second clip-retaining member engagable with said first clip-retaining member when said clip is pushed onto said base in a linear direction to latch said first and second tube-bearing surfaces tightly against a tube located therebetween.

10 15. The tube holder according to claim 14, wherein said at least one first clip-retaining member comprises two clip-retaining blocks arranged on opposite sides of, and spaced from, said first tube-bearing surface, and said at least one second clip-retaining surface comprises two legs, each leg engagable to a respective one clip-retaining block.

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16. The tube holder according to claim 14, wherein said first and second tube-bearing surfaces each comprising planar areas of tube-engagable teeth.

20 17. The tube holder according to claim 14, wherein said base comprises spaced apart arms for bearing on the patient's face, straddling the patient's mouth, and a base portion connecting the arms and carrying said first

tube-bearing surface, said first tube-bearing surface arranged to be located at a corner of the patient's mouth.

18. The tube holder according to claim 14, comprising a tether
5 connecting said clip and said base.

19. The tube holder according to claim 14, further comprising a latch
element, said latch element manually movable to prevent said first and second
clip retaining members from becoming disengaged.

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20. The tube holder according to claim 19, wherein said at least one
first clip-retaining member comprises two clip-retaining blocks arranged on
opposite sides of, and spaced from, said first tube-bearing surface, and said at
least one second clip-retaining surface comprises two legs, each leg engagable
15 to a respective one clip-retaining block and said latch element is arranged to
brace between said first and second legs to prevent disengagement of said legs
and said clip-retaining blocks.